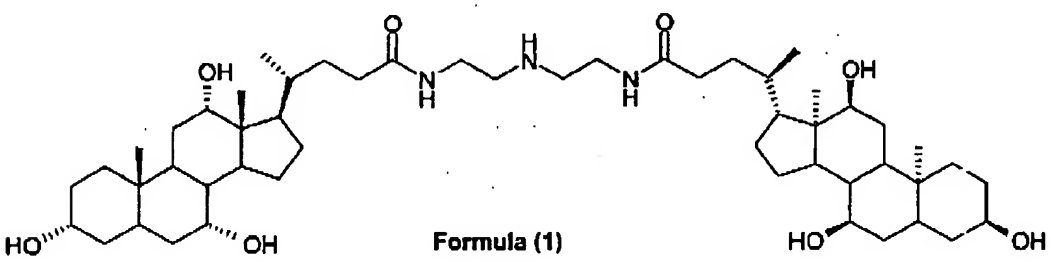
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

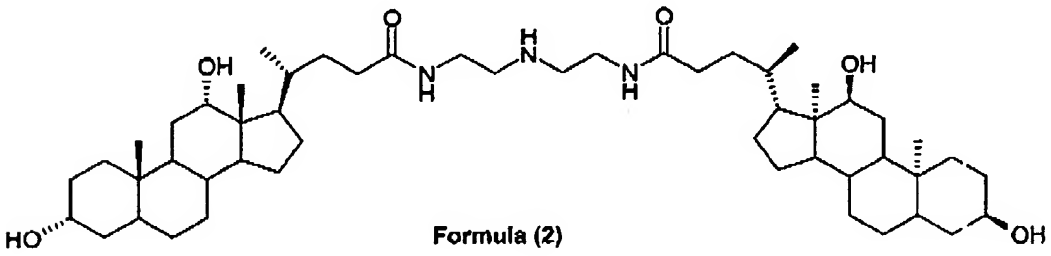
LISTING OF CLAIMS

We Claim

1. (currently amended) Antifungal steroidal dimers, N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] of formula (1), and N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] of formula (2)



Formula (1)



Formula (2)

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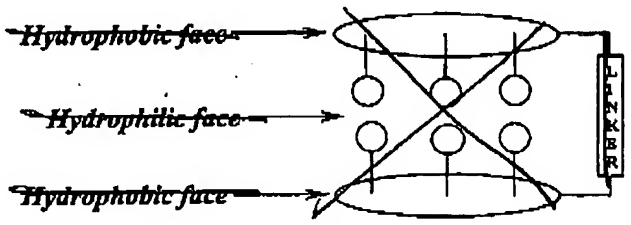
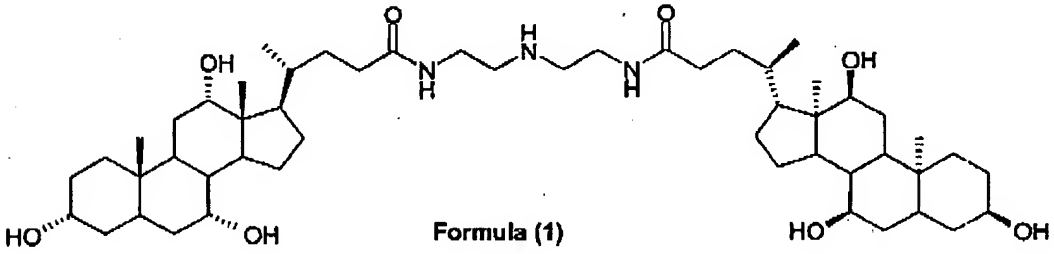


~~Figure (3)~~

2-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method for the preparation of steroidal dimers N^1, N^3-diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] and N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] having structural formula (1) and (2) respectively,



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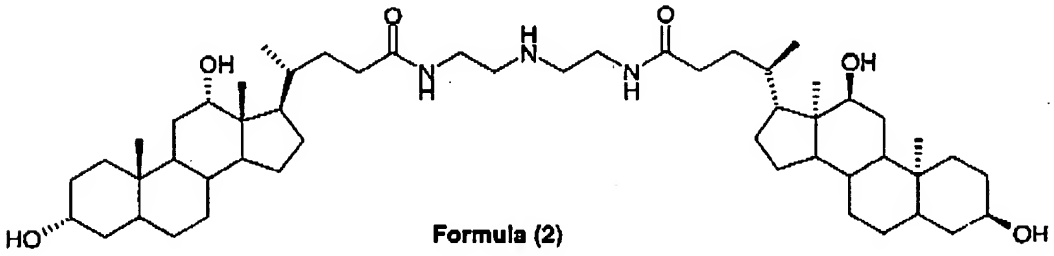

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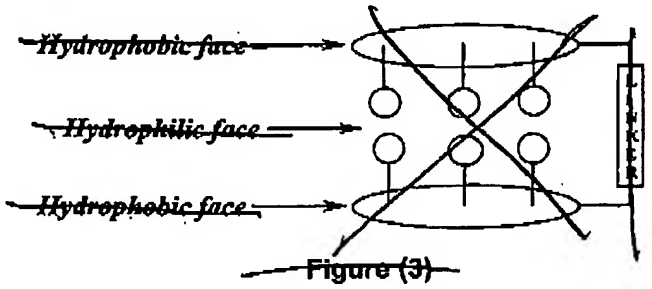

Figure (3)

said method comprising,

a. preparing a solution of N-succinimidyl ester of bile acids in an organic solvent at a temperature ranging between 10 to 50 °C;

b. adding diethylenetriamine to the solution of step (a) followed by stirring the same for a time duration ranging from 1 to 5 h at a temperature ranging between 20 to 70 °C to obtain a reaction mixture;

c. quenching the reaction mixture of step (b) with ice to a form containing crude products having structural formula (1) and (2), and

d. separating the crude products of step (c) and purifying the same to obtain the compound of formula (1) or (2).

8. (canceled)

9. (previously pending) The method of claim 7, wherein the organic solvent is selected from a group comprising chlorinated solvents or polar aprotic solvents.

10-13. (canceled)